

## Partner search template<sup>1</sup>

<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>The predecessor of the Agency was founded in 2017 focusing on scientific and technical research and development. The Company was extended with new divisions and renamed in 2021.</p> <p><b>The Express Innovation Agency is an innovation service subsidiary of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, supporting the Hungarian innovation ecosystem.</b> The Agency actively supports the innovation ecosystem from youth education to the gateway to the international market.</p> <p>With new talent management programs, innovation promotion, trainings and mentoring, we also reach out to the youngest generation, helping growing businesses with valorisation, mentoring and incubation support. The Agency encourages start-ups to reach the next level with international contacts and preparation for European funds. Our goal is to help the entire innovation ecosystem, regardless of the discipline, from planting the core of innovation to market utilization, thus becoming an information and active support hub. Our mission is to divert the focus of the innovation management from a funding agency of projects, to a client-based approach. The new approach will concentrate on improving the service to the clients assuming, that improved service will lead to the desired results, regarding the increase in the innovation with the help of improving attractiveness of the talented actors in the ecosystems.</p> <p><b>The International Division of the Agency provides services primarily in the promotion of international research and development applications and consulting services related to international applications.</b> The priority areas for Horizon Europe are cluster 5 (Climate, Energy and Mobility) and cluster 6 (Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment). One of the Division's main tasks is to support Horizon's participation in European missions and partnerships.</p> <p>The International Division is also responsible for <b>supporting communication, coordination and promotion activities related to the Horizon Europe program</b>, in particular to encourage the application activity of domestic participants and to increase the number of successful applications. To this end, the Division also organizes personal consultations and information events for a wider range of participants.</p>
<b>Type of organization</b>	non-profit governmental organisation

<sup>1</sup> [Based on the Horizon Europe – Guide to an adequate partner search](#)

Up to 5 keywords describing your sector or specialisation	participation support and mentoring, proposal and project co-ordination, personal consultation, information events
<b>Experience</b>	
Participation in EU funded projects	<p>The Agency hasn't got long track record (since rather new) therefore we list the experience of the colleagues:</p> <p><b>BÁRCZI, Miklós:</b> Participation in EU funded territorial cohesion transnational projects: INTERREG EUROPE, URBACT III as well in cross-border (CBC) programmes. (Austria/Slovenia/Croatia-Hungary). Participation in the EU Urban Agenda partnership-scheme (planning of actions: culture and cultural heritage in European cities).</p> <p><b>BERLINGER, Balázs:</b> Partner in co-operative national and international research projects. Organisation of international scientific conferences (e.g., <a href="http://www.eohnano.com">www.eohnano.com</a>).</p> <p><b>GÁBOR, Zita</b> – more than 15 years financial experience in implementing EU financed projects (JUST, AMIF, Erasmus+ and calls/operative programmes handled in Hungary).</p> <p><b>NIKODÉMUS, Antal:</b> More than 10 years of project planning and managing experience, Participation as a Hungarian leader in the Cluster4Coop V4 Project, 2012-2014; As a head of R&amp;D department in the responsible Ministry, leading coordination in the planning of the Economic Development and Innovation Operational Programme (GINOP) 2014-2020; and 2010-2014, and 2018-2019 Hungarian delegate of the ERAC (R&amp;D advisory board of the Commission and Council and COMPCRO (belonging to Competitiveness Council as the preparation body of decision making.</p> <p><b>PALOTAI, Zoltán:</b> Participation in EU SRSP projects on green and blue infrastructure, on circular economy and sustainability.</p> <p><b>SZABÓ, Teréz Krisztina:</b> More than 20 years of EU project co-ordination experience (Phare, Cohesion and Structural funds, LIFE), Participation in the LIFE Environment Programme, and preparation of the HungAiry LIFE Integrated project (LIFE17 IPE/HU/000017, <a href="http://hungairy.hu/en">http://hungairy.hu/en</a>). Participation in the planning of the Environmental and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme 2014-2020 and 2021-2027. Co-ordination of the European Week for Waste Reduction in 2020 and 2021 (<a href="https://ewwr.eu/">https://ewwr.eu/</a>). Co-ordination of the School Garden Programme.</p> <p><b>SZÁNTÓ, Szilvia:</b> Participation in the implementation (communication) of EIT Health project (<a href="https://semmelweis.hu/emk/en/projects/ongoing-projects/eit-health-amr-detectool/">https://semmelweis.hu/emk/en/projects/ongoing-projects/eit-health-amr-detectool/</a>) Participation in the planning and call preparation of the Environmental and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme 2007-2013</p>

<b>Project idea</b>	
<b>Reference of Call/topic of interest</b>	<a href="#"><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ERA-01-50: Developing an effective ERA talent pipeline</u></a>
<b>Description of the project idea</b>	<p>In Hungary there are already existing well-functioning programmes, most of them co-ordinated by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office to support the career development of PhD students and postdocs.</p> <p>One of them is the Co-operative Doctoral Fellowship Programme which aim is to strengthen the relationship between academic research and the industry (as well as other areas of the non-academic sector). The New National Excellence Programme supports young talents already from high school diploma until becoming a young researcher after a postdoc period.</p> <p>At the forefront of the concept of the Postdoctoral Programme in Innovation is the launch of an innovation-oriented application system that can be positioned at the postdoctoral and premium postdoctoral level. Based on the construction of the university innovation ecosystem, it could play a central role in attracting young researchers and talents, and in accelerating the brain circulation at the ERA level.</p> <p>The Hungarian practices in early career development of researchers could be either the basis of the common academic researcher's career structure to be created in the project or one practice that the project could consider. The Hungarian experiences could contribute to all the expected outcomes.</p> <p>It is of high significance for us to strengthen the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) which contributes to reducing the innovation divide.</p> <p>In the frame of EIT RIS, would a new concept and approach relate to the brain circulation instead of the normal mobility schemes, which are considered as traditional instruments. We are pleased to see inclusion of the EIT-HEI initiatives in the widening strategy of Hungary.</p>
<b>Up to 5 keywords describing your project idea</b>	talent transfer, value creation practices, improve transferable skills and interoperability, inter-sectoral mobility
<b>Expertise and contribution offered</b>	
<b>Contribution offered</b>	<p>The Agency would co-ordinate the Hungarian project activities which would also include the quality control of these activities. The Agency has the relevant competencies and contacts related to the project. We have close interactions with the research organisations and governmental bodies in the R&amp;D field, and we have already surveyed the potential domestic partners as well as began to elaborate the professional content of the project to be implemented.</p> <p>We work together with the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, that would also take part in the project activities.</p>

<b>Role offered (Coordinator, Work package leader or partner)</b>	project partner and/or work package/task leader
<b>Expertise needed</b>	
<b>Description of the expertise needed</b>	looking for a coordinator leading an international consortium applying for the call HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ERA-01-50
<b>Expected contribution</b>	project co-ordination
<b>Deadline for the search</b>	01 April 2022
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